

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 2835 - HB 3197**

February 13, 2012

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes either party of an adoption to enforce the rights or terms under the contract or agreement requiring visitation or an open adoption, unless the court finds that enforcement of those rights or terms is not in the best interest of the child. Authorizes an adoptive child, who has reached the age of majority, to petition the court for an order for issuance of a new birth certificate when the adoptive child's birth certificate was issued to replace the name of a deceased biological parent with the name of an adoptive parent married to the child's living parent, but who has since divorced the child's living biological parent.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

**Assumptions:**

- There would not be a significant increase in caseloads of the state or local court systems.
- According to the Department of Health, the current processes in place to amend birth certificates would not change. There may be an increase in the number of amendments requested. Any increase is estimated to be nominal and can be accommodated within the existing resources of the Department without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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